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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TUPAMARO REFUGEES IN SWEDEN

1. DURING MY CALL TODAY (OCT. 1) ON URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN CARLOS MASANES, LATTER INFORMED ME THAT APPROXIMATELY 300 OF THE CHILEAN REFUGEES NOW LIVING IN SWEDEN ARE ACTUALLY TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY. ACCORDING TO MASANES, WITHIN THIS GROUP THERE IS HARD CORE OF 30 TO 50 WHO WERE ORIGINALLY TRAINED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN NORTH VIETNAM SOME YEARS AGO AND RETURNED TO URUGUAY VIA ALGIERS AND HABANA, WHERE THEY RECEIVED ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND INDOCTRINATION. IN URUGUAY, HE CONTINUED, THEY WERE ACTIVE IN GUERRILLA STRUGGLE UNTIL MILITARY GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER AT WHICH TIME THEY FLED TO CHILE. MASANES SAID THE TUPAMAROS WERE WELCOMED BY ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, BUT WHEN COUP TOOK PLACE THEY SOUGHT REFUGE IN VARIOUS EMBASSIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND EVENTUALLY SOME 300 MADE THEIR WAY TO SWEDEN.

2. THE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT "PAMPERS" THE TUPAMAROS, AND THAT SOME ARE STUDYING ASSISTED BY GOS IN SWEDISH UNIVERSITIES. HE SAID HE SUSPECTS THAT THEY ARE THE MAIN SOURCE OF PRESS INFORMATION HERE ON CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE FIGURE OF 300 TUPAMAROS IN SWEDEN SEEMS HIGH, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO EVALUATE ACCURACY OF AMBASSADOR MASANES' STATEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR POPPER'S COMMENTS ON PLAUSIBILITY OF ABOVE INFORMATION. STRAUZ-HUPE

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